



Sr Four-Ball One-Day 2018

CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournament

Notice to Players

USGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2016, the local rules on both sides of this sheet and any additional local rules posted at the starter's table or announced prior to a shotgun start governs play at this CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournament.

- LOCAL RULES and USGA RULES OF GOLF -

TEES TO PLAY - The tees to play are listed on the official tournament score card.

PLAY the BALL DOWN unless noted otherwise prior to the start of play. The ball must be played as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the Rules.

HOLE LOCATIONS noted prior to the start of play.

CART RULES noted prior to the start of play.

DROP ZONES (BALL DROP) - Players will be informed of Drop Zones, if any, prior to the start of play.

BALL AT REST MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN - When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (BALL MUST LIE IN CLOSELY MOWN AREA)- Local rule under Appendix I, Part B, 6 is in effect. See page 146 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf.

STONES IN BUNKERS - Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

ELEVATED POWER LINES: If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke **must be canceled and replayed**, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - Local rule allowing the use of **devices that measure or gauge distance only** is in effect. Rule 14-3, Note and Appendix I.

CELL PHONES - Except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use is not allowed during the stipulated round.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA's) noted prior to the start of play.

OBSTRUCTIONS - noted prior to the start of play.

OUT OF BOUNDS - other than as defined below, additional OB indicators will be noted prior to the start of play.

WASTE AREAS - If any, noted prior to the start of play.

AERATION HOLES - Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD - The driver the player carries must have a club head identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE RULE 3-3 - If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. See page 50 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf.

EMBEDDED BALL - Relief is "through the green" except in sand in an area that is not closely mown. See page 142 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf.

GREENSIDE FANS - are temporary immovable obstructions. See page 147-149 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR AND SODDED AREAS - Defined by white lines. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. Fire anthills and french drains are ground under repair. A ball coming to rest in a newly sodded seam or edge may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which is not in either condition. Relief is granted for the ball only and not the stance. The nearest point of relief may be on the sod itself. All edges and seams are considered the same condition.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE - Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise denoted in the local rules.

ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT - However, the ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

OUT OF BOUNDS - is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level, by the inside points of fence posts at ground level and by the inside edge of paved roads and beyond.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY for DANGEROUS SITUATION - Signaled by 1 long air horn blast. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again. Resumption of play is signaled by 2 short blasts.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY for OTHER SITUATIONS - Signaled by 3 consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately. Resumption of play is signaled by 2 short blasts.

TIME OF STARTING - A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. **Tee Times:** If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play within five (5) minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes (Rule 6-3a). **Shotgun Start:** If a player arrives late but within five minutes after the assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification (Rule 6-3a). The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn or siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

WATER HAZARDS - Defined by yellow stakes and/or lines. **LATERAL WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by red stakes and/or lines and includes unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. Treat all water hazards as lateral water hazards unless otherwise marked.

MODIFICATION OF SCORECARD PENALTY EXCEPTION to RULE 6-6d - Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

- TOURNAMENT FORMAT and POLICIES -

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION - Automotive transportation is mandatory.

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE - 90% of Course Handicap derived from a player's USGA Handicap Index®. Maximum of 20 strokes prior to the 90% reduction. If a team has a Course Handicap difference of more than eight strokes, each team member will receive an additional 10% Course Handicap reduction. Additional course handicap reductions may be applied according to the multiple net winner policy. Teams are divided into Tournament, Super Senior 65+ and Super Senior 70+ divisions.

CADDIES - are prohibited during the stipulated round (Rule 6-4 Note, Appendix I).

KNOCKOUT RULE - A team is disqualified from a tournament if they beat the course rating by 12 strokes or more AND beat the next best net score in their division by 4 strokes or more. Example: Course rating is 70.2. A team posts a net 54 and the next best net score in their division is net 59. The net 54 team is disqualified.

PACE OF PLAY - Pace of play guidelines are listed on the player's score card. Each group is expected to keep pace with the group ahead. The CGA official-in-charge will decide any necessary pace of play penalties.

SCORE CARDS AND SCORE POSTING - The USGA Rules of Golf requires a marker to record only the gross score of the player whose net score is to count (Rule 31-3). The CGA scoring policy requires markers to record ALL hole scores for all players for handicap purposes. The CGA will automatically post scores from this tournament to each player's handicap scoring record. Please do not post these scores yourself as this will duplicate the CGA's effort. Section 5-2f of the USGA handicap manual allows a tournament committee to post scores for players. For unfinished holes, enter the score you most likely would have made (more often than not) and precede that score with an X (e.g. X-6) to denote that the player did not hole out. For holes not started, enter par plus any handicap strokes you would have received on the hole. Failure to record individual hole scores may jeopardize participation in future CGA Senior Four-Ball one-day tournaments.

SPECTATORS - are not permitted to ride in a player's cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any CGA one-day tournament except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

STIPULATED ROUND - Except at shotgun start events, the stipulated round consists of two nine-hole stipulated rounds. Nine-hole scores may be used in the event of inclement weather.

TIES, PLAYOFFS & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION - See prize distribution posted at scoreboard. Any playoff necessary to determine 1st gross, 2nd gross, 1st net or last place net in a division will be resolved on the score card using the USGA recommended method on page 161 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf. If there is still a tie then score cards will be matched beginning with Hole #18 going backwards. Merchandise must be redeemed at the host club. The CGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player's responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site. The CGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

RULES COMMITTEE - CGA official-in-charge has final authority on any rulings.